

Secaucus Public Library
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SPL Newsletter Spring 2011

Library Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Saturday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Upcoming Holiday Closings

April
Apr. 22, Friday,
Good Friday - Closed
Apr. 24, Sunday,
Easter - Closed

May
May 28-30, Sat. Sun. & Mon.,
Memorial Day - Closed

July
July 2-4, Sat. Sun. & Mon.,
Independence Day - Closed

"Who Goes There?" -- Writing Challenge

April 13th, Wednesday, 4-4:30pm

RESCHEDULED! May 11, Wednesday, 4-4:30pm

Host and publisher of the *Secaucus Spectator*, Don Evanson, will start a tale of terror to inspire your creativity by writing your own ending! Winning participant will have a chance at having their story published! Open to all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders.

BE GREEN! View this newsletter on Secaucus.bccls.org

SPL's 3rd Annual Spring Book Sale

Fri. April 8th, Sat. April 9th, and Sun. April 10th

Books for \$3 a bag, fill as much as you can!
All proceeds to benefit SPL.

Sale will be held in the first floor lobby during all regular weekend hours.

National Library Week

Sunday April 10th - Saturday April 16th

Join SPL in the annual celebration of our nation's libraries with these special events throughout the week:

The Allegro Singers Present "Songs of Spring"

April 10th, Sunday, 2pm

A gala opera concert to usher in the new spring season!

Join the Mayor in celebrating National Library Week

April 13th, Wednesday, 10am

Mayor Gonnelli will read his favorite children's book at Wednesday's Extended Story Hour!

Echoes of Sinatra Tribute and Friends of the Library Meeting

April 14th, Thursday, 7pm

The tilt of his hat, a raincoat on his shoulders and a lamp post to lean on; these are images of the iconic entertainer, Frank Sinatra.

Steve Kazlauskas will not only perform renditions of Frank's classic songs, he will also take you on a journey into the world of Sinatra.

Sing Along Pajama Party

April 15th, Friday, 7-7:45pm

Getting ready for bed was never so much fun! Multi-Award Winning Children's Musician Yosi rocks the house with a humorous and interactive Pajama Party! Come in your PJ's!

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Literacy Link

By Louise Rittberg, Literacy Co-ordinator

Civics Class successfully prepared residents for US Citizenship

A number of local residents now have a better understanding of what lies ahead as they prepare for the US Citizenship Test, thanks to a seven-week series of classes that concluded March 5th. The classes took place on successive Saturday mornings at the library from 9 am to 10:30 am.

The instructor for the course was local resident Dennis Pope, who holds a doctorate in American Government and Constitutional Law from Rutgers University. Pope, who taught on the university level for 36 years at Kean, Drew, Fairleigh Dickinson and William Patterson Universities, as well as a number of community colleges, volunteered his time to conduct the seven-week course. He also volunteers as a Literacy Tutor for the library.

Although the library has excellent resources for Citizenship preparation that patrons can check out and bring home, having an experienced professor explaining everything and being available to answer questions proved to be invaluable to those attending the class.

Pope has also offered to meet one-to-one with individuals that have already made an appointment for the interview and/or the Citizenship Test to help them prepare. He extends the offer to both those who took the course and those who did not. He is willing to meet with any resident who actually has an appointment date and who would like to go over the test questions or has questions about the test.

Anyone interested in taking advantage of this one-to-one Citizenship Test instruction should call me at the library at 201-330-2083 or email me at louiserittberg@yahoo.com.

Board of Trustees' Meetings

Open to the public.

Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday, April 12th 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 17th 7:00 pm

Tuesday, June 21st 7:00 pm

Board of Trustees:

Ralph Del Piano, President,

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Michael Gonnelli, Mayor,

Jenifer May, Director



Fiiinally, it's time to get out and enjoy the weather!

SPL has the resources to inspire your plans:

Day passes to NYC museums,

travel books, including

guides to NJ and NYC, hiking NJ and NY, etc.,

Time Out New York Magazine, New Jersey Magazine,

Global Road Warrior travel database

(link on SPL website),

and of course, the books and entertainment

to bring along on your journey.



Please recycle this newsletter.

News and Announcements



April is National Poetry Month!

To celebrate, join us for

Open Mic and Acoustic Night

April 28th, Thursday, 7:30pm

Share your poetry!

Acoustic performances welcome!

LOCAL ARTISTS



Residents' Art Month is coming soon --
Sign up now to participate in July exhibit!
up to 3 pieces/person -- Please call to sign up

Lobby Display

If you have a collection you'd like to display
at the library, please contact the Office of the Director!

April

SHS Art Class' Ceramics

May

TBA

June

TBA

Panasonic Room Art Gallery Exhibit

April

SHS Photography Class

May

Ralph Collazo
modern art

June

Jack McKenzie
landscape paintings

Book Swap!

May 7th, Saturday, 10am-2pm

Bring in your gently used books, movies, and CDs and swap them for something new!

For every item you bring in, you will be able to swap for a different book, movie or CD.

SPL invites all adults and children to participate in this fun and green event.

Save the Date!

13th Annual Friends of the Library

Mini-Fair and Book Sale

Saturday, September 17th

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Rain date:

Sunday, September 18th, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Join us for our biggest event of the year!

Vendors, food, free crafts for kids,

free magic show, raffle baskets,

50/50 fair share raffle,

baking contest for adults and a

HUGE used book sale!

Fair Share Raffle Tickets will be available soon!

Donations welcome!

The library especially depends on you
for donations to the Trash-to-Treasure booth;
please keep SPL in mind when you're spring cleaning!

Vendors wanted! Volunteers needed!

Contact the library for more information about
signing up as a vendor or volunteering your time.
Visit secaucus.bccls.org/minifair.html for more info

For additional information, newly-added events and other updates,
please check the SPL website ([Secaucus.bccls.org](http://secaucus.bccls.org)) or Bulletin Boards in the lobby.

Did you know...?

(Some SPL services you may not know about)



....SPL is happy to deliver materials to any homebound Secaucus resident who holds a valid library card, but is unable to visit the library in person because of physical limitations. SPL's **Outreach Program** provides for the delivery and return of books, audio books, magazines, VHS and DVD movies, and CDs. If this service could be beneficial to you or someone you know, please call and ask for Lee.

....SPL is enlisted as a drop off center for **Cell Phones for Soldiers**, a cellphone recycling program which helps our troops stay in contact with their families while overseas. To participate, bring your old cell phone and charger to the library and place in the drop box at the community resource area.

....SPL has been enlisted as a drop off center for the **Ronald McDonald House**, which collects soda can tops in an effort to help defer costs of families staying at the Ronald McDonald House, which provides temporary housing for terminally ill pediatric patients and their families. To support this effort, bring in your soda can tops and look for drop box located at the community resource area.

....**Open Borrowing** is a program that allows you to visit *over 150 public libraries* in northern New Jersey, access to the Open Borrowing network, and *over 10 million items*.

The libraries that participate in Open Borrowing are:

BCCLS (Bergen County Cooperative Library System), LMxAC (Libraries Of Middlesex Automation Consortium), M.A.I.N. (Morris Automated Information Network), PALS (Passaic Library System)

SWELL (Sussex Warren Electronic Lending Libraries)

The next time you visit SPL, ask for a 'little green sticker' to be put on your library card.

For more information and a full listing of participating libraries visit www.openborrowing.org

FREE!

Museum Admission for Families

American Museum of Natural History

Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum

Guggenheim & Brooklyn Museums*

*(one pass with access to both)

Visit FREE for Secaucus residents with a library family pass.

The pass is available through first come, first served reservations.

Pass permits group of 6. You must be at least 18 years old and hold a Secaucus Library card in good standing to use the pass.

Deposits are required.

For more information, contact the office of the Director

Donated by the Friends of the Secaucus Library

Services Available

Self-service copiers:

Black and white (\$0.15/page) or color (\$0.50/page)

Printing:

*Black and white (\$0.15/page) or color (\$0.50/page)
now from any computer in the adult section of the library*

Fax:

To or from the library

Always free cover sheet, we provide or BYO

Received faxes (\$1/page)

*To in-state or toll-free numbers (1-800, 855, 866, 877, 888):
(\$2/first page + \$1/each additional page)*

To out-of-state numbers: (\$3/first page + \$2/each additional page)

For Sale

Reusable SPL Tote Bags:

(\$2 each)

USB Flash drives:

(\$8 each)

Head phones:

(\$2 each)

Internet:

4 hours for residents

2 hour guest passes

Wi-Fi in Adult Section

Upcoming Events for Adults



Chair Yoga

March 14th through May 2nd, Mondays 7-8pm

No mat or special equipment needed!

Back by popular demand!

Led by local instructor Varoti Chakravarti

Chair Yoga is a gentle form of yoga for adults of all ages and fitness levels.

Learn techniques that can be utilized anywhere using nothing more than a basic kitchen chair.

Language of the Fan

April 7th, Thursday, 7pm

Craftswoman and instructor Nancy Leary

will lead a workshop on creating traditional paper fans as works of art.

She will also discuss the "language of fans"

as it was used in the ballrooms of the Victorian age.

NJ ASK Test Prep for Parents

April 12th, Tuesday, 7pm

Two educators will lead this resource session for parents;

Prepare your 3rd to 8th grade child for the NJ ASK test.

Piano Recital

April 30th, Saturday, 12pm

Featuring students of Sony Conville, local piano instructor

Shenole Latimer Trio Jazz Concert

May 1st, Sunday, 2pm

Back by popular demand!

Performing modern jazz and some original works on saxophone, bass, and drums,

the Shenole Latimer Trio puts out a sound and texture

that does not easily betray the fact that they are only three musicians.

The best way to listen to this group is to do so while wearing a seat belt!

Intro to Reiki

May 12, Thursday, 7pm

Former resident, Rosemarie Volpone, is back by popular demand!

Reiki is a Japanese technique for stress reduction
and relaxation that also promotes healing.

Basic Tai Chi

May 10, Tuesday, 7-8pm

Bill Volpone, certified Tai Chi instructor, leads a gentle, basic, eight-step Sun Style form of Tai Chi combining slow, flowing moves, focused attention, breathing and relaxation.

Renew and conserve energy! Feel an enhanced sense of well-being. Cope better with stressful situations.

Melody Sky World Music Concert

May 15th, Sunday, 2pm

Featuring the voice and poetry of Paula Jeanine and the compositions, guitar and production of Lee Boice.

The songs of Boice and Jeanine reflect the pulse of modern American life
infused with North Indian modes and embellishments.

Born on the Brooklyn waterfront, the candlelit studios of New Jersey
and the rooftops of Mumbai, Melody Sky celebrates the global garden.

Ongoing Programs for Adults



Book Discussion Groups

Meet for an informal discussion of a different book each month.

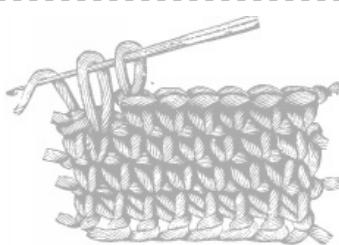
The library will supply the copies of the selected book.

Ask at the front desk for the current title.

Afternoon Book Group

Usually meets: Second Monday of the month at 1:00 pm

Upcoming meetings: April 11th, May 9th, June 13th



Needleworkers Round Table

Bring your knitting, crocheting,
embroidering, quilting, and needlepoint projects!

Share your work and enjoy good conversation
Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm

OUR GROUPS ARE ALWAYS
SEEKING NEW MEMBERS!

Tuesday Movies

Each Tuesday, 1 pm

Join us each week for a new movie!

For adult Secaucus residents
Refreshments will be served.

Check our website or local papers
for upcoming films.

April 5th:

Hereafter

April 12th:

Morning Glory

April 19th:

Due Date

April 26th:

Switch



Children and Adults with
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

Local chapter meets on the third Monday of each month at 7pm-8pm

For more information, see the website: chadd.org



Computer Workshops for Seniors

Come by any Second Thursday of each month at 3pm-4pm

Basic computer and Internet skills for residents seeking improvement; whether you want to learn to *use a mouse, set up an email address, or search the Internet*,

Secaucus Middle and High School student volunteers from **SAIL** (Service Activities Involvement and Leadership) will be here to assist you in a one-on-one tutoring environment.



Photography Club

Any level of experience welcome!

Bring work to class.

Meets the fourth Wednesday
of each month at 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events for Children



Paper Marblizing

April 7th, Thursday, 4-6pm

Want to make your own paper?

Explore creative paper making. Crafts will include a mobile of the world's continents and bookmarks.

The children will learn both the technique and the fascinating history of this ancient art.

Ages 6+ -- Registration is required.

Parents of 3rd to 8th grade children!

NJ ASK Test Prep Session -- info in "Upcoming Events for Adults"

Matinee Movies

Nothing to do while school is out?

Join us in the library for afternoon movies:

(All are rated PG.)

April 21st, Thursday:

11:30 am Yogi Bear

2:30 pm How to Train Your Dragon

May 27th, Friday

11:30 am Megamind

2:30 pm Tangled

Half-Way to Halloween Party!

April 20th, Wed., 10:30am

If once a year just isn't enough magic, myth, and monsters for you, celebrate twice!

Come to a Halloween Magic Show wearing your favorite costume! Children ages 4+.

Grades Up!

Saturdays 11am-12:30pm

Two elementary school teachers offer academic help for grades K-8.

These classes take place in the children's section of the library.

To register email GradesUpSecaucus@gmail.com or call 201-300-2085.

Vamp Fiction Fans!

MEET THE AUTHOR of UNNATURAL

June 16th, Thursday, 6:30pm

Author Michael Griffo will be appearing for a reading and book signing for his young adult vampire/supernatural fiction book UNNATURAL of the Archangel Academy Trilogy.

Announcements



Extended Story Hour Year End Celebration



June 11, Saturday, 9:30am

Arthur F. Couch Performing Arts Center at SHS



For family and friends of the students in the Extended Story Hour program, join us to celebrate their achievement!



Summer Story Hour Program Registration

Monday, June 20 -- Friday, June 24, and Monday, June 27 -- Friday, July 1

Program runs from Tues. July 5th through Wed. August 11th.

Please see the Children's Department in person to register during specified hours.

Two proofs of residency, birth certificate, and immunization record required.

Extended Story Hour Fall 2011 Registration

Monday, June 20 -- Friday, June 24, and Monday, June 27 -- Friday, July 1

Child must be 3 years of age by September.



Please see the Children's Department in person to register during specified hours.

Two proofs of residency, birth certificate, and immunization record required.

Ongoing Programs for Children



Weekly Games

*Every Thursday between the hours of 3:30pm - 5pm
Stop in after school and challenge your friends to a card game or board game!
Stay as little or as long as you'd like
Games are available for teens between the 6th and 12th grades.*

Monthly

NEW! Crafty Teens

Meets the second Monday of each month:

April 11th, May 9th, June 13th, 3:30pm-5pm

Love to be creative? A new club for middle-school-aged teens, where you can create unique and easy crafts on your own. You will be making anything from: iPod cases, duct-tape roses, jewelry, magazine paper weaving, collages, to pillow making.
No registration required.

NEW! Otaku Unite - Anime & Manga Club

Meets the first Tuesday of each month,

April 5th, *May 10th, June 7th, 4-5pm

Come get your anime and manga geek on!

Read manga, watch anime, and cosplay at the library. For teens ages 13+.

(children under the age of 13 must have a parental approval form completed; see children's dept. desk or YA services desk)

We will be viewing "Ouran Host Club" on April 5th.

*May meeting will be on the second Tuesday of the month

TAB - Teen Advisory Board

Meets the last Wednesday of each month:

April 27th, May 25th, June 29th, 6:30-7:30pm

Teens are welcomed to express their ideas about programs, special events and materials within the library.
Open to all teens between the 6-12th grades.

BACK! Teen Tech Club

Meets the first Monday of each month: April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th, 4-5pm

Looking to learn basic website publication and animation?

Check out our new after school club for all children ages 8 and up. Projects include simple photo edits, HTML coding, how to start a blog, and short animations.

Registration is required. -- Basic computer skills are required.



BACK! Chess Club

Day and time are TBA.

Back by popular demand! For children of all ages.

Learn to play chess and challenge others!

To sign-up, contact the Children's Dept.